

Behavioral Risk Factor Survey

The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a random telephone survey, coordinated through the Centers for Disease Control, which collects information from adults on health behaviors and knowledge related to leading causes of death in each of the states. About half of all deaths occurring annually are now attributed to modifiable behavioral risks. In addition to determining what types of health risks are most prevalent in the population, the BRFS data will be very useful in determining what types of interventions are most needed for other health problems such as excess deaths from a particular chronic disease. A modified version of the standard BRFS was developed specifically for the “Community Diagnosis” process. In addition to the questions on the standard BRFS survey, a series of health issues are listed. The respondent is asked if the issue is a “Definite Problem”, “Somewhat of a Problem”, “Not a Problem”, or “Not Sure”. The list of the health issues with frequency of response as a “Definite Problem” is as follows:

Tobacco Use	56%	Top Ten Issues Highlighted
Drug Abuse	49%	
Teen Pregnancy	47%	
Cancer	44%	
Alcohol Abuse	38%	
Arthritis	34%	
High Blood Pressure	33%	
Obesity	32%	
Heart Conditions	31%	
Health Problems of the Lungs	24%	
Diabetes	18%	
STD’S	16%	
Environmental Issues	15%	
Mental Health Problems	11%	
Violence in the Home	10%	
Animal Control	6%	
Suicide	5%	
Other Violence	4%	

Warren County’s Access to Care Issues Percent Saying Definite Problem

Access to Hospitals	8%
Transportation to Health Care	7%
Access to Physicians or Doctors	5%
Access to Assisted Living Services	5%
Access to Birth Control Methods	2%
Access to Prenatal Care	2%